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SUBJ: JOINT VENTURE TIMBER INDUSTRY

1. PAHANG TENGGARA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DARA)
STATE OF PAHANG, PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, UNDERTAKING
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ABOUT 2.5 MILLION ACRES
(APPROXIMATELY 4,000 SQUARE MILES) VIRGIN TERRITORY
SOUTH EAST OF PAHANG. DARA INVITES PROPOSALS JOINT
VENTURE DEVELOP BETWEEN 480--600 SQUARE MILES
FRESH WATER PEAT SWAMP FORESTS. AREA BORDERING
COAST LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH PAHANG RIVER, EXTENDS
SOUTH ENDAU RIVER ON JOHORE STATE BOUNDARY.

2. VIRGIN FOREST RESOURCE ONE OF FEW REMAINING
LARGE FOREST BLOCKS PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. TOTAL SOME
49 TREE SPECIES INVENTORIES DURING FOREST SURVEY, 24
SPECIES CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL. COMMERCIAL SPECIES
SUITABLE FURNITURE, PLYWOOD, RAILWAY SLEEPERS, BUILDINGS,
TRUCK AND LORRY FRAMEWORK, PARQUET FLOORING, BOAT
BUILDING. SOME SPECIES CONTAIN EXTRA LONG FIBRES
SUITABLE PULPING.

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3. PROJECT PROPOSAL CALLS ESTABLISHMENT INTEGRATED

TIMBER HARVESTING, MANUFACTURING COMPLEX WITH PROCESSING
PLANT LOCATED BUKIT RIDAN, APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES
SOUTH KUANTAN.

4. JOINT VENTURE PARTNER PROVIDES EXPERTISE ESTABLISH
OPERATION TO FULL PRODUCTION, TRAIN NECESSARY MALAYSIAN
STAFF ALL LEVELS, PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OPERATE COMPLEX
SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD. JOINT VENTURE PARTNER ALSO
INVOLVED MARKETING OUTPUT OF COMPLEX OVERSEAS AT
COMPETITIVE WORLD PRICES; EXPECTED IMPLEMENT FOREST
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TENTATIVELY BASED ON 40 TO 60
YEAR ROTATION. INITIALLY, COMPLEX SHOULD CONTAIN
FULLY FURNISHED COMPONENT FURNITURE AND MOULDING
OPERATION. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS COULD INCLUDE
PLYWOOD, PARQUET FLOORING, BOAT BUILDING, PULPING.

5. INTERESTED INVESTORS REQUESTED CONTACT DIRECTOR,
PAHANG TENGGARA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DARA), 399 JALAN
TELOK SISEK, KUANTAN, PAHANG, MALAYSIA, COPY FEDERAL
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FIDA), P.O. BOX 618,
KUALA LUMPUR 01-02, MALAYSIA. REQUESTS FOR PROSPECTUS
FROM FIDA ONLY ENTERTAINED FROM GENUINE INVESTORS OF
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